

## 2011 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans who continue to shape the character of our military through their vibrant cultures and commitment to service. During this month, we celebrate the diversity that makes America stronger, and we recognize the many ways Hispanic Americans have enriched our Nation.

Hispanic Americans have a proud tradition of service to our Nation. In times of great consequence, they have answered the call to defend America. These brave men and women bring honor to America, and we are grateful for their service and sacrifice. Since the founding of our country, Hispanic Americans have volunteered to defend the United States from threats at home and abroad, serving our Nation with valor. Forty-four Hispanic Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry and bravery in defense of our Nation. Hispanic American service men and women continue to answer the call, and for that we owe them and their Families a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I hereby proclaim 15 September 2011 to 15 October 2011 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Tropic Lightning Division and United States Division-Center. Hispanic Americans' imprint distinctively contributes to the diverse culture of United States Division-Center. I strongly encourage all personnel of the Tropic Lightning Division and United States Division - Center to take advantage of the programs to commemorate and honor Hispanic Americans and the significant role they play in making our Nation strong, prosperous, and free.

*Lightning in the New Dawn!*



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